

RELIGIOUS.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The efforts of Rev. E. F. Wilson, founder of the Indian Homes for boys and girls, at Sault St. Marie, Algoma, to extend his work by establishing branch homes in the North-West, are being supported with interest by churchmen; and within a comparatively short time it is likely that a Home for boys will be inaugurated in the Diocese of Saskatchewan or Qu' Appelle. This is a sensible method of missionary operation, and should commend itself to business men.

One of the best debated subjects at the late session of Provincial Synod, was the question of Missionary Brotherhood. The idea was strongly combated by a certain class of churchmen, but the eminently practical and economical nature of such a brotherhood in poor and scattered districts must ultimately prevail. If there are men who are willing to lead a celibate life, and to devote themselves and their means to hard pioneer work, shall the Church not eagerly avail herself of their services?

The same remarks apply equally to communities of women. The safeguards for both lie in the control of such institutions by Diocesan authority, and the fact of vows not being necessarily for life.

There appears to be a growing tendency in the Church in the Mother Country, to establish communities of clergy. The Bishop of Salisbury has just instituted an order of missionaries, and another has lately been opened at Ramsgill. This supplies a key to the grave question, how our missions are to be supported in the North West. Common sense replies, by a band of clergy, binding themselves either for a time, or if they have the vocation for life, to live in a community, to be maintained from a general fund, and to be at the disposal of the Bishop. Communities of educated women would in like manner solve the education difficulty.

METHODIST.

The Missionary Committee of the Nova Scotia Conference will meet in the Grafton Street Church, for the transaction of its usual business, on Wednesday next.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Branch of the Womens' Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church was held yesterday in Grafton Street Church.

The Methodists of England have purchased, at Epworth, the birth-place of John Wesley, a site for a chapel, school, and manse, as a memorial to him.

Over \$100,000 are spent annually by the Methodist Church of Great Britain in building chapels in London.

BAPTIST.

The Rev. James Scott, of Canso Baptist Church, having tendered his resignation as pastor, the congregation, after earnest consideration, refused to accept the same.

The new Baptist Church, at Souris, P. E. I., was opened with appropriate services on Sunday last.

The next Congress of the Baptist Church of the United States is to be held at Baltimore, beginning November 16th.

Mr. Wm. Bucknell, the liberal Baptist merchant of Philadelphia, proposes to build and equip an astronomical observatory in connection with Bucknell University.

The Seventh-day Baptist General Conference was held recently at Milton, Wisconsin. The Missionary Society has missionaries in China, England, Holland, and ten of the States.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The First Presbyterian Church, Truro, which has been without a pastor since the retirement of the Rev. Dr. McCullough, are about extending a call to the Rev. John Robbins, of Glencoe, Ont.

At a very general request, Principal Grant's letters upon the Early Missionary Labors of the Presbyterian Church, which appeared in a Toronto newspaper, are to be published in pamphlet form.

The income of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, last year, was \$745,164.46. This does not include the contributions of the Presbyterian Church in the Southern States.

CATHOLIC.

The collection in aid of St. Joseph's Orphanage, taken up in the churches of this city, on Sunday last, amounted to \$1,384.41.

The final volume of a series of works by Bishop Ullathorne, of Birmingham, has just been issued by Messrs. Burns & Oates. It is entitled "Christian Patience, the Strength and Discipline of the Soul," and is dedicated to Cardinal Newman. A biography of the venerable bishop has been written, with his aid and sanction, to commemorate the fortieth year of his episcopate.

The Berlin *Zeitung*, quoted by the *Liverpool Times*, recently said that "The May Laws of Bismarck have only resulted in cementing and uniting all the Catholics of the German Empire. The quiet indifference noticeable among them before the Franco-Prussian war has entirely disappeared, and given place to enthusiastic zeal." Such is the effect of persecution.

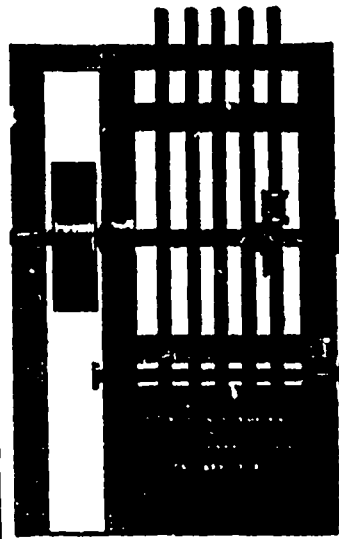
The London *Athenaeum* says that the best works on Chinese language and literature, as well as the fullest and most reliable account of Interior China and its denizens, and of the people along the historic Himalayas, are by a Jesuit priest.

Rev. James Howard Clarke, M. A., third wrangler of Cambridge University, has embraced the Catholic faith.

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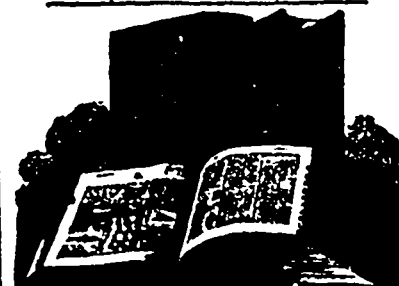
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